DATE: January 18, 2002

OFFER TO BUY: Fruit and Vegetable Products

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase 34 fruit and vegetable products for donation to Needy Family, and related domestic feeding programs, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required from April1, 2002, through June 30, 2002.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

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<u>Product</u>	Container Size	<u>Grade</u>	No. of Cases
Apple Juice, Canned	12/46 fl. oz.	A	133,280
Grape Juice, Canned	12/46 fl. oz.	A	88,536
Grapefruit Juice, Canned	12/46 fl. oz.	A	16,184
Pineapple Juice, Canned	12/46 fl. oz.	A	68,160
Orange Juice, Canned	12/46 fl. oz.	A	144,704
Tomato Juice, Canned	12/46 fl. oz.	A	26,656
Cranberry Apple Juice, Canned	12/46 fl. oz.	Per C.I.D	. 60,928
Applesauce, Canned	24/300	A	64,800
Dry, Blackeye Beans	12/2 bags	No. 1	16,800
Dry Lima Beans	12/2 bags	No. 1	6,720
Dry, Grt. Northern Beans	12/2 bags	No. 1	30,240
Dry, Pinto Beans	12/2 bags	No. 1	110,880
Dry, Lt. Red Kidney Beans	12/2 bags	No. 1	21,840
Green Beans, Canned	24/300	В	202,500
Carrots, Canned	24/300	A	74,520
Cream Style Corn, Canned	24/300	В	42,120
Corn Whole Kernel, Canned	24/300	В	104,040
Peas, Canned	24/300	В	106,920
Sweet Potatoes, Canned	24/300	A	6,120

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Pumpkin, Canned	24/300	A	4,860
Mixed Vegetables, Canned	24/1	Per C.I.D.	9,720
Vegetable Soup, Canned	24/300	Per C.I.D.	72,600
Tomato Soup, Canned	24/300	Per C.I.D.	28,600
Spinach, Canned	24/300	A	27,455
Tomatoes, Canned	24/300	В	43,740
Sliced Potatoes, Canned	24/300	A	50,580
Tomato Sauce, Canned	24/300	A	52,020
Spaghetti Sauce, Canned	24/300	Per C.I.D.	76,140
Vegetarian Beans, Canned	24/300	A	45,900
Refried Beans, Canned	24/300	Per C.I.D.	33,660
Dehydrated Potatoes	12/1 lb.	Per USDA	55,000
Syrup, Corn	12/24 oz.	Per USDA	15,972
Raisins	48/1 lb.	В	8,640
Plums, Dried	24/1 lb.	В	6,000

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be faxed to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid. All bids must be submitted using the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES). Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 2546 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.